

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2015

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 489 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Increase School Bus Safety.

SPONSOR(S): Representative R. Johnson

FISCAL IMPACT (\$ in millions)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Local Impact					
Revenues:					
Expenditures:					
NET LOCAL IMPACT	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Public Instruction and Local School Administrative Units					
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Enactment					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None					

BILL SUMMARY:

Section 1 amends G.S. 115C-242 to add a statutory requirement that local school administrative units provide instruction in school bus safety to all students at least twice every school year. It also requires local school administrative units to report annually to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) detailing the instruction provided to students.

Section 2 requires the Department of Public Instruction, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, to study procedures to increase the safety of children boarding and exiting school buses. DPI would be required to report on its findings and recommendations from the study to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 15, 2016

Section 3 specifies that this bill would become effective upon enactment, applying beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

There is no anticipated State or local fiscal impact, as the school bus training required by Section 1 of the bill is currently required by State Board of Education Policy TCS-H-06. The local school administrative unit report on the training implementation, as also required by section 1, would not appear to require significant additional local school staff burden.

According to the Department, the report required in Section 2 of the bill can be completed within current State staff resources.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Public Instruction

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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